

State of UtahDEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Outgoing C0150015 #3648 OC

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November 3, 2010

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7005 0390 0000 7507 4801

John A. Gefferth, Environmental Engineer Consolidation Coal Company P. O. Box 566 Sesser, Illinois 62884

Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N10071, Emery Deep Mine, C/015/0015,

Task ID #3648, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Gefferth:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R645-401.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. The violation was issued by Division Inspector, Steve Christensen on October 6, 2010. Rule R645-401-600 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Under R645-401-700, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the <u>fact of this violation</u>, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.

2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph 1, the Assessment Conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of violation will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Suzanne Steab.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Helfrich Assessment Officer

Enclosure

cc:

OSM Compliance Report Suzanne Steab, DOGM Vicki Bailey, DOGM Price Field Office

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

COM	IPANY / MINE	E Emery Deep Mine	2			
PERI	MIT <u>C/015/00</u>	NOV / CO	# <u>N10071</u>	VIOLATION	_1_ of _	
ASSI	ESSMENT DA	TE November 3, 20	<u>)10</u>			
ASSI	ESSMENT OF	FICER Joe Helfrich				
I.	HISTORY ((Max. 25 pts.)				
		here previous violati ear of today's date?	ons, which are not pen	ding or vacated, w	hich fall one	3
	PREVIOUS	VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DAT	TE POINT	TS .	
	N10055 N10056 N10057 N10048		09/13/2010 09/13/2010 09/13/2010 06/09/2010			
					POINTS	4
II.	SERIOUSN	ESS (Either A or B)			
	NOTE:	For assignment of	points in Parts II and I	II, the following a	pply:	
1. Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer determine within each category where the violation falls.			fficer will			
	2.	Beginning at the nadjust the points ustatements as guid	nid-point of the categor p or down, utilizing the ing documents.	ry, the Assessment e inspector's and o	Officer will perator's	1
	Is this	s an EVENT (A) or I	HINDRANCE (B) viol	ation?		
	A. <u>EVE</u>	NT VIOLATION (M	Iax 45 pts.)			

1.

What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?

Water Pollution

2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

- B. <u>HINDRANCE VIOLATION</u> (Max 25 pts.)
 - 1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? Actual RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** The permittee failed to provide the required water monitoring data as outlined in Table VI-17 on page VI-56 of the approved MRP. Water quality data was not submitted for the second and third quarters of 2008 and 2009. The Division staff is required to conduct a detailed analysis of water monitoring data as it is entered into the Division's database. Without the data the staff is hindered from conducting the required analyses.

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 12

III. NEGLIGENCE (Max 30 pts.)

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE; or, was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS <u>16</u>

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** The permittee was in violation of a specific permit condition. Each permit is conditioned with the requirement to provide the Division with the water monitoring data that is entered into the Division's database.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.)

(Either A or B)

(Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

A. Did the operator have onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?

IF SO--EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

X Immediate Compliance -11 to -20* (Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

X Rapid Compliance -1 to -10 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

X Normal Compliance 0

(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
(Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

- *Assign in upper of lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.
- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?

IF SO--DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation

X	Rapid Compliance	-11 to -20*
	(Permittee used d	liligence to abate the violation)

X Normal Compliance -1 to -10*

(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

X Extended Compliance 0

(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete) (Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? <u>Difficult</u>, plans were required

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

***Good faith will be evaluated upon termination of the violation

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	\$1,320
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	32
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	0
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>16</u>
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	12
I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	4
NOT	TICE OF VIOLATION # N 10071	